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Firing Areas

Firing practice takes place in a sector of 0.5 mile radius, bounded by lines of position extending from Fort Mers-el-Kebir (35°44.3'N., 0°41.6'W.) on bearings of 350° and 010°.

Fishing Areas

Tunny Net Areas.—Between March 15 and November 10, tunny nets may be set in the following locations S of Cap Falcon:

1. About 0.6 mile W of Pointe Canastel (April to October).
2. In position 35°49'N, 0°30'W (April to September).
3. About 200m SE of Cap de l'Aiguille (April to July).
4. About 1.3 miles E of Cap Lindless.

Between June 1 and December 31, tunny nets may be set in the following locations:

1. East of Rocher de l'Aiguill.
2. North of Cap Ferrat in depths of up to 38m.
3. With Arzew Lighthouse (35°53'N., 0°17'W.) bearing 317° at a distance of 2.3 miles.
4. About 0.4 mile SE of Arzew Lighthouse

The extremities of these tunny nets in the open sea are marked by red lights.

Government

Algeria is a socialist republic divided into 48 departments or provinces. The capital is Algiers.

Holidays

The following holidays are observed:

New Year's Day; May 1, Labor Day; June 19, Anniversary of Start of Revolution; July 5, Independence Day; and Nov. 1, Revolution Day.

General

Algeria is located in Northern Africa between Morocco and Tunisia. The country borders the Mediterranean Sea.

The climate is arid to semi-arid. Winters are wet and summers are hot and dry along the coast.

The sirocco wind produces a hot dust and sand-filled wind that is common in the summer.

The terrain is mostly high plateau and desert, with some mountains and a narrow discontinuous coastal plain.

The Sahara Desert occupies much of the S part of the country.

Buoyage System

The IALA Buoyage System (Region A) is in effect. See Chart No. 1 for further IALA Buoyage System information.

Currency

The official unit of currency is the dinar, consisting of 100 centimes.

The following Islamic holidays, the dates of which vary from year to year and are subject to the appearance of the moon, are observed: El Mawlid en Nabaoui, Aid El Fitr, Aid El Adha, Hegira New Year, and Achoura.

Industries

The main industries are based on petroleum, natural gas, mining, electrical production, petrochemicals, and food processing.

Languages

The languages of the country are Arabic (official), French, and Berber dialects.

Time Zone

The Time Zone description is ALPHA (-1).

U.S. Embassy

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